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RECREATION GROUNDS.

SOME ARGUMENTS USED AGAINST THE PROJECT.

Public Scavenger Service More Necessary than Playgrounds—What Base-ball Club will be Favored with the Use of the Grounds?—The Sunday Base-ball Problem.

The citizens of this town will be called together in public meeting on Monday night to Central Hall to express their opinions on the proposition to issue town bonds to the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of a public recreation grounds. Laws now on the statute books empower the Town Council to carry out such a project without a referendum. When the Board of Trade Committee submitted the proposition to the Town Council on Monday night that body merely decided to sound public sentiment on the matter.

The proposal to bond the town for the purchase of a recreation ground is a matter for serious consideration on the part of property-owning taxpayers. An argument put forward in favor of the project is that it is in line with the policy of other progressive towns, and is going to be a fixed feature of municipal life.

People opposed to the purchase of recreation grounds at present concede that the scheme has much in it to commend it, but they claim that there are other more pressing public needs that should take precedence of public recreation grounds. This town is yet deficient in some important public conveniences, and foremost among such deficiencies is the lack of a public scavenger service. Nearly every vacant lot throughout the residential part of the town is a public disgrace on account of its use as a depository for debris of one kind and another. People make packages of refuse, tin cans, broken dishes, bottles, etc., and steal out after dark and throw the bundle in a vacant lot. The lack of a scavenger service has a depressing effect on the value of real estate. The lack of scavenger service is a reproach to the town, and until the reproach is removed many people will not feel in a mood to give preference to a public recreation ground.

In regard to the general use of a recreation ground the presumption is that the chief use that it will be put to will be base-ball. The tract of land that it is proposed to purchase is not large enough to permit of much more than a base ball diamond.

Each ward in town now has its favorite base-ball club, and it is obvious that there is going to be a clash of interests in the grounds. If the public purchase it and maintain a base-ball ground there, it is not likely that much additional revenue can be looked for by the base-ball clubs that will use the public grounds, and without additional financial support none but public school base-ball teams will be likely to use the grounds.

There is the question of Sunday base-ball to be considered in connection with this public recreation ground project. The barriers against Sunday base-ball are being rapidly broken down all over the country. The general tendency is towards using Sunday as a day of amusement. Here in Bloomfield Sunday base-ball is played, but in a retired place. Formerly such games were secret and the public was not invited because of a fear that the game would be broken up by the police. No such fear exists now, and it is doubtful if public sentiment would approve of police interference with a Sunday base-ball game. It is only a matter of a short time when the county park recreation grounds will be used for athletic sports on Sundays and from the county parks the practice will spread to all public recreation grounds and a Sunday base-ball game would be anything but desirable in a choice residential locality like Williamson avenue.

The control of the recreation grounds will be in the hands of a commission, consisting of four members of the Council and three freeholders. The saloon interests have demonstrated that when they concentrate their money and influence for the carrying of a ward politically they can succeed. It would probably be much easier to elect Councilmen who would not object to Sunday base-ball games on a public recreation ground.

A Fine Entertainment.

Miss Georgia Harvey gave a very fine entertainment at the Park M. E. Church on Monday evening. The good-sized audience were highly pleased, and every number was encored. Miss Harvey has a very good voice, and is well trained for her varied roles. Those who did not go missed a treat.

William P. Sutphen, Republican candidate for Mayor, Charles J. Murray, August Fredericks, and Charles Hildebrandt, Republican candidates for Town Councilmen, will be at the meeting in Building and Loan Hall, No. 36 Broad street, Thursday night, October 25th.—Advt.

Wm. Leiss.

FIRST CHURCH GUILD.

An Elaborate Programme Arranged for the Coming Season—First Entertainment Tuesday Night—Concert by Royal Male Welsh Choir.

The First Presbyterian Church Guild has arranged for an elaborate programme under the direction of the programme committee, which is composed of Joseph M. Mann and Harris H. Uhler. There will be ten entertainments in all, but the arrangements for the last five have not been completed. The entertainments under the supervision of the First Church Guild for the past few years have always been of a high and pleasing character, and have been well patronized and much appreciated by the amusement-loving people of this town and vicinity.

The first entertainment will be given on Tuesday evening, October 25th, by the Royal Welsh Male Choir from Treorchy, South Wales, which comes highly recommended. Many attempts have hitherto been made to induce this choir to visit the United States, but it has thus far held aloof from all offers. It will now, however, make a tour of this country, and one of its first concerts will be given here. The choir will be composed of twenty men, and will be assisted by Miss Alicia Maud Cove, one of the leading soprano soloists of South Wales. The choir holds the world's record for prizes, and it has been the winner of four National Eisteddfodau. This concert alone, it is said, will be worth the price of a course ticket.

The second entertainment will be given on Monday evening, November 12, by Rev. Henry R. Rose of Newark, who will lecture on "The San Francisco Earthquake." This will be an illustrated lecture of the deepest interest. It will tell of the great disaster which smote the fair city by the Golden Gate. Those who attend this lecture will get some idea of the awful calamity which befell San Francisco. During the past summer Mr. Rose has been travelling in the West. He has covered over six thousand miles, lecturing at the great Chautauquas, frequently to audiences of from four to seven thousand people. Mr. Rose is a popular and pleasing speaker, and his illustrated lectures last season in Newark, the Oranges, in this town, and in various other places in this vicinity, were always well attended, and elicited the highest commendation. His subject for this occasion will undoubtedly be one of his best efforts.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

Republican Rally in Building and Loan Hall Thursday Night, October 25th—All the County and Town Nominees Will Be Present—Senator Dryden Will Be Here at a Central Hall Meeting Before the Campaign Closes.

At a meeting of the Town Republican Executive Committee held Thursday night Chairman Charles F. Kocher announced that arrangements had been made for a Republican rally in Essex County Building and Loan Hall on Thursday evening, October 25th, at 8 o'clock. The speakers will be Lee Fairchild of New York City, who is said to be one of the best campaign orators now in the service of the party, and Edward Schoen, vice-president of the Newark Board of Education. All the Republican county and town nominees will be present.

Chairman Kocher also announced that arrangements were in progress for a Central Hall meeting before the campaign closed at which Senator Dryden and Congressman Parker would be present.

The Independent Citizens' party held a meeting in Orton hall, Newark, Wednesday night and placed in nomination a candidate for Mayor of Newark and eleven Assembly candidates. The candidate for Mayor chosen was George W. Tokins. The Assembly candidate are Carl May and Fillmore Condit, Verona; Fradols L. Christian, Montclair; Charles L. Ingersoll, South Orange; Charles B. Yardley, Jr., and Frank Benjamin, East Orange; Thomas F. Durning, Henry H. Dawson, Joseph S. Mundy, James B. Baulster and G. Rowland Monroe, Newark.

The independent movement, it is alleged, grew out of widespread dissatisfaction with both of the regular party nominees for Mayor of Newark.

In the ordinary course of political events not much importance would be attached to this independent movement, but in the present campaign the movement cannot help but be the cause of much concern among Republicans.

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SEASON'S RECORD.

The Llewellyn A. C. closed the season Sunday, October 7, with the Parkway of Kearny, who tie a 2-2 game being called in the eighth inning on account of darkness. Following is the list of teams played and games won and lost:

Llewellyn A. C. 8 Montclair Colored Giants, 8 Montclair Rock Works, 9 Pastime A. C.

Watseesing F. C. 2 Avon A. C.

Jersey Field Club 3 All Stars.

Millburn A. C. 1 Virgin Giants.

Original All Stars 1 Orange Cliffs.

Jersey River Works, 1 Jersey Field Club.

Eureka A. C. 2 All Waterseesing.

Original All Stars, 2 Niantic Avons.

Summit A. C. 1 All Stars.

All W. L. 4 Original All Stars.

Original All Stars, 4 Alert A. A.

Highland A. C. 1 All W. L. 6 C. 6 Hilton A. A.

2 Newark Colored Stars. 2 Parkways.

The team scored some notable victories, defeating such nines as the Broads,

Alert A. A. of Madison twice, Jersey F.

Dr. C. of Boonton, champions of the North Jersey League; Eurekas, Original All Stars twice, Niantic Avons, Woodsides,

Hilton, Woodstocks and All Waterseesing twice. One of the games with the latter team went twelve innings.

Pitcher Grobe was the mainstay in box, losing only four of the twenty games he pitched. Duskie won one game, and Havens who left the team early in the season, won four games and lost three.

The management is laying plans for a stronger team next season and arrangements are being made for a reception which will be held at Central Hall on Friday evening, October 26.

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TOWN COUNCIL.

REQUEST FOR A BOND ISSUE TO PURCHASE PUBLIC PLAYGROUND.

Williamson Field the location and \$10,000 the price—Charles H. Ashley Presents Myrtle Avenue Citizens for Improvements—Water Main and Sewer Petitions.